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L'Affaire Dreyfus

French Attorney General Expresses Amazement as Result of Investigation.

No Officer Could Have Successfully Combed Such Cooked Evidence.

Declaration of the Unfortunate Hero's Innocence a Foregone Conclusion.

Paris, March 3.—The court of cassation began its sittings today the consideration of the appeal of Alfred Dreyfus for a revision of his trial. The court was crowded. Former Colonial Piaget was present. Dreyfus was not present, his interests being in the hands of Lawyer Morland. M. Boyer, reporter of the court, read his report in which he presented the two new facts upon which the minister of justice, M. Vallee, recommended a revision of the case. These were set forth as follows: One—the secret document is not a letter bearing the initials "P." signed by an affidavit October 6, 1893, signed by M. Gridelin (keeper of the archives), it appears that this document previously carried the letter "P." For this letter was substituted a "D," and thus the altered document was presented to the court at Rennes.

"Two—According to the minister of justice, another letter signed "Alex. Auderine," which Agent "A" addressed to Agent "B" contained some words in the handwriting of the late Lieut-Colonel Henry, who committed suicide in prison, after having confessed committing forgery in the case. The letter relates to the organization of French railroads."

M. Gridelin swearing during the inquiry of the minister of war that this was false. It was true, however, that the date of the document was March 28th, 1893, when Dreyfus was imprisoned on Devil's Island. M. Boyer made a review of the case, declaring he could not find any proof to establish the existence of the document which was claimed to have been annotated by the German Emperor, and which was transmitted to one of Dreyfus' judges at Rennes. There was no doubt, he added, of the transmission of the "Auderine" letter, and the false dates. The words in "Lieut-Colonel Henry's handwriting had an unfavorable effect upon the court martial. M. Boyer concluded with saying that the letters used against the accused were falsified prior to the proceedings of 1893, but he added that this had not yet been judicially determined upon.

The attorney-general said that when he began his consideration of the Dreyfus case he was satisfied that a judicial error had not been committed, but as the investigation proceeded the mind of the attorney increased. "One by one," the attorney general continued, "all the charges vanished, leaving only accusations without importance or consistency. When I examined the secret collection of documents in the case and saw their miserable character, valuable only because of the mystery cleverly thrown about them, I concluded it was necessary to justice to have a last word, and it is my conviction that there is not one of us, if in the army, and not an officer now in the army, who would not have succumbed had he been under an accusation thus managed."

The existence of a traitor in the French army was revealed by an alleged foreign agent who acted without compensation. It is now claimed that Lieut-Colonel Henry in 1893 had concocted a book of expenditures to be replaced in order to remove all trace of payments to this diplomat, who, it has developed, was an employee of the intelligence department. It was claimed by those present in court that if these new facts are acknowledged by the tribunal, the innocence of Dreyfus would be established.

The Owners Are Arrested

Contractors and Proprietors of Collapsed Apartment Building Held.

Fourteen Bodies Taken From Ruins and Slow Progress Made.

New York, March 3.—There are fifteen dead, fifteen known to have been injured and three persons reported missing as the result of the collapse of the uninhabited Darlington apartment house building on West 46th street yesterday, and as the result injury to the Patterson hotel, directly in the rear of the collapsed building. The search for the dead among the twisted iron girders and masses of stone continued all of last night and today. A large wrecking force continued tonight, aided in its efforts by a steam derrick.

Many large arc lights have been erected over the mass of twisted timbers and beams, and the operations will go on without interruption until daylight.

In spite of the progress made with the derrick, Police Captain Lantry late tonight said that he did not believe that any more bodies could be taken out until morning. Four bodies were then in sight.

The mangled body of Frank Allison, brother of Eugene Allison, president of the Allison Realty Company, was taken out of the ruins tonight. He was supposed to have been on the ninth floor at the time of the disaster.

According to Mrs. L. L. Guenther, Allison had been engaged to Miss Amy D. Marquitz, of St. Louis, the announcement of the engagement having recently been printed in St. Louis.

Allison was formerly an expert gunner in the navy, having returned from the Philippines but a few months ago.

An outside pocket of Allison's coat was found a letter written by his fiancee, which indicated that the couple were to have been married shortly.

The workmen uncovered two bodies of workmen in the middle of the building. They had been crushed against a wall. One of the men had a pistol in his hand.

Coroner Scholer has issued warrants for "Eugene" Allison, presumably Charles R. Allison, of the Allison Realty Company, and Paul Schwander, the iron work contractors. Schwander, the iron work contractor, was appointed from Detroit, Michigan.

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FATAL RACE RIOT.

Fort Smith, Ark., March 3.—It is reported here that two white men were killed and one white man and two negroes seriously wounded in a race riot at Bokase, I. T., last night. White laborers on the Midland Valley railroad came into collision with the negroes at a camp a short distance from the town. The negroes resisted and a pitched battle followed. A further clash is feared. The negroes are said to have fortified themselves in the woods and seem determined to resist to the uttermost all efforts to dislodge them.

AFTER MANY YEARS.

German Deserter Returns After Thirty-four Years and Is Promptly Jugged.

Berlin, March 3.—Emperor William, upon the request of United States ambassador Tower, has pardoned Edward Engesser to six months' imprisonment. Engesser left the army in 1870, not as it appears from unwillingness to serve in the war with France, disengaged, but as an act of youthful indiscretion. He returned to Baden in December, 1870, thinking he had been forgotten after thirty-four years' absence, but he was immediately arrested and convicted. Mr. Tower found that the case was within German treaty rights, but he caused Engesser's petition admitting his technical guilt to be brought to the Emperor's attention.

Gardner Canal For Terminus

Dominion Surveyor Advocates Another Terminus For G. T. P.

Mineral Production For Past Year Shows Slight Falling Off.

From our own correspondent.

Ottawa, March 3.—The secretary of state has received a cable from Lord Strathcona in which he says the Canadian office advises him that in view of the reported sinking of a Japanese merchant ship, His Majesty's minister at Seoul telegraphed the missionaries at the 23rd ult., to await a British man-of-war rather than send their women and children by a Japanese vessel. They replied that they would await further instructions. The admiralty has since instructed the commander on the China station to send a ship to Song-Chin for the missionaries.

MARTIAL LAW IN SEOUL.

General Inouye, the Japanese commander at Seoul, Korea, with the consent of the Korean government, has issued an order corresponding with the proclamation of martial law.

FRENCH CANADIAN LOYALTY.

Toronto, March 3.—Hon. L. P. Brodeur addressed the Empire Club at its annual meeting to-day on the loyalty of French Canadians to the Empire. "French Canadians," he said, "prize too highly the advantages they enjoy under the safeguard of the British constitution to wish to change their positions for any one that accidents of the future might create."

WINDING UP WORLD'S FAIR.

Chicago, March 3.—The accounts of the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893 were closed yesterday at the payment of final dividends of 4.64 percent to all of the 3,000 stockholders. A dividend of 10 per cent was paid in 1891. The entire amount disbursed in the final dividend was \$256,000. About \$2,000 remains in the hands of the treasurer to meet any claims which may be brought against the company. All told the local organization spent \$26,000,000 and the national government and the state \$7,000,000. The total spent on the Chicago World's fair was \$33,000,000.

Headquarters At Mukden

General Kuropatkin Will Make a Change in Present Plans.

Cold Weather Prevents Completion of the Russian Fortifications.

Japanese Losses at Port Arthur Much Larger Than Admitted.

Vladivostock, March 3.—It is reported here that a Japanese steamer, the name of which is not known, was sunk in the Sea of Japan on February 25th while on her way to Wonsan with a load of rice.

Witnesses of the naval fight at Port Arthur have just arrived here. They declare that the losses of the Japanese up to February 25th were greater than has been admitted in foreign newspapers. In addition to five steamers sunk they say that five torpedo boat destroyers, one gunboat and two torpedo boats were put out of action and several others so damaged that they will require extensive repairs.

PREPARING FOR JAPANESE.

Yin Kow, March 3.—The Russo-Chinese Bank is closing preparatory to removing its funds. Women and children are preparing to leave Yin Kow in anticipation of the arrival of a Japanese fleet, which is expected when the river opens, probably a fortnight hence.

The United States gunboat Helena and the British cruiser Epsom are making preparations to leave the dry docks in week's time.

The mainmast of the Russian gunboat Sibouch has been cut off. This would indicate that she is being dismantled, but otherwise she would appear to be clearing for action.

PREPARING TO RETIRE.

On account of the impossibility of defending the coast of Ying Kow until such time as a thaw permits the construction of retranchments and forts, the Russians have prepared to retire up the main railroad line, where are practically no defences here, although the shifting and re-shifting of troops and artillery to the small forts at the mouth of the Liou river has the appearance of an intention to defend Ying Kow, until the military authorities depend upon an inland engagement to put a stop to the Japanese advance.

KUROPATKIN'S PLANS.

As far as is yet known the only plans decided upon are:

First.—That Gen. Kuropatkin's headquarters are to be at Mukden. Vice-roy Alexeif proposes to remain at Mukden indefinitely, as that city is the centre of the Chinese administration and has a vice-royal bureau.

Second.—That the plain west of Tashihchie, which is almost impossible of defence, will be held, if possible, on account of the railroad connecting with Port Arthur.

Thirdly—Hai-Ching and Liao-Chang are the extreme limits in which troops will be withdrawn on account of the exposure of the railroad at these points.

SIEGE OF PORT ARTHUR.

That the Japanese will arrive before the winter permits the construction of fortifications is the belief held to be practically certain. It would appear also that the authorities expect Port Arthur to be besieged.

Sir Robert Hart, director of the Chinese imperial maritime customs, after sounding Russian opinion in the matter, has ordered the Chinese customs lightship and the channel buoy to be placed at the river mouth as usual. This step, however, has no effect upon the neutralization of New Chwang.

CHINESE REBELLION.

Shanghai, March 3.—A despatch from Chen-Nig-Chu, province of Kui-Chou, China, announces that a rebellion has broken out against the Boxer indemnity tax. The sub-prefect's residence was looted yesterday.

RUSSIAN REINFORCEMENTS.

Port Said, Egypt, March 3.—As a result of a collision between a Russian torpedo boat and an Egyptian revenue cutter at Kantara, in the canal, the latter was sunk. The Russians saved the Suez repeatedly overstay their time will be blocked for at least twenty-four hours. Three of the four Russian torpedo boats which returned here yesterday after having sailed ostensibly for Algiers were considerably weatherbeaten. They were refused an additional supply of coal and ordered to leave port.

The Russian ships at Port Said and the Suez repeated overstay their time limit in spite of the protests of the government.

HAS PLENTY OF MONEY.

Paris, March 3.—The Liberte quotes Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister to Great Britain, as saying, in regard to the statements that the United States does not favor the floating of a Japanese loan in America.

Port Said, we have no need of a foreign loan as our own financial resources are sufficient.

The French Red Cross Society has decided to send to Japan, besides two campaign hospitals, a large quantity of linen and clothing for the Japanese wounded.

SQUADRON IN RED SEA.

Berlin, March 3.—Advices from St. Petersburg today say that new orders have been sent to Admiral Rozius to keep a squadron in the Red sea to watch passing war-vessels and to capture vessels carrying contraband of war.

BUYING ARMY HORSES.

Lipan, Corlund, Russia, March 3.—A careful inquiry disproves the allegation that British cavalry had been purchasing horses here for shipment to the Japanese. The purchases made are no greater than in former years. Jews annually buy 300,000 horses in Corlund, principally for the Austrian army.

RUSSIAN EMANCIPATION.

St. Petersburg, March 3.—For the first time in the annals of the empire, 1891, the anniversary today was officially observed throughout the empire as a general holiday and with special services

News Wanted Of Japanese Fleet

Russian Authorities Puzzled to Locate the Port Arthur Squadron.

Planning to Improve the Slim Line of Communications.

St. Petersburg, March 4.—The government is badly puzzled at the apparent disappearance of the Japanese squadron, which has been investing Port Arthur and are inclined to believe that the ships are being coal'd and their ammunition supplied in order to begin renewal of the bombardment at an early date. The report which is being persistently circulated by the "official" news agency that the Japanese have returned, discouraged at their lack of success in damaging the fortresses and gunboats of some of their ships, is launched at the best posted of the naval experts here. They point out that the ships of the Japanese squadron have used a great deal of ammunition in their several bombardments of the fortresses and declare that it was to be expected they would have to withdraw to their base in order to load supplies and coal. It is reported that orders have been sent to the commandant at Port Arthur to retain none of his vigilance and not to permit his men to see boats to venture so far away from their base in endeavoring to locate the enemy.

Russian officers are looking forward confidently to the first battle between the land forces. They declare that the Russian forces in the vicinity of the Yalu are strong enough to contest the points of vantage with the enemy and are placing a great deal of dependence in the strong force of cavalry which General Tenevitch has available for service. It will endeavor to cut the Japanese line of communication and generally harass them without actually participating in a general engagement. The main reliance of the Russian commander will be on his infantry, and he will use the cavalry as an auxiliary and to follow up any advantage that may be gained.

It is said that a plan has been put in operation which will do away with the frequent blockades that have severely handicapped the Trans-Siberian railway. It consists of enormous sidings at the congested points which will permit the light Moscow bound trains to be shunted out of the way of the troop trains bound for Manchuria.

It is said that 2,500 Japanese who landed from the Japan warships in Possiet bay are marching southward towards the Korean border. Another force is believed to be penetrating northward towards the railway with the evident intention of completing the work of isolating Vladivostock.

Vладивосток IS ACTUALLY ISOLATED

Reported Destruction of Railway Line to Harbin is Now Confirmed.

SPECIAL CABLE TO THE LONDON TIMES AND VICTORIA COLONIST.

Tokio, March 4.—The Japanese consul at Seoul reports a scarcity of food-stuffs there and recommends that various steamships trading with Southern Korea must be permitted to resume operations.

The Japanese prize court has announced the confiscation of seven Russian steamers which have been captured since the war began. The government has decided to continue the regular subsidies to the clockwise lines, although they are all operating at present with chartered steamers.

The war office has received advices confirming the original report that one and one-half miles of railway between Harbin and Vladivostock has been destroyed and the latter port isolated.

TO HOLD THE FORT A FIRST NECESSITY

Port Arthur to be Held Until the Very Last Is the Opinion of General Staff.

SPECIAL CABLE TO THE LONDON TIMES AND VICTORIA COLONIST.

London, March 4.—The London Times correspondent says a St. Petersburg dispatch quotes a high Russian member of the general staff as declaring that no proposition which contemplates the abandonment of Port Arthur could receive the approval of the War Office.

To evacuate Port Arthur, he declared, "would be the worst disaster that could overtake the Russian arms. It would mean the sinking of the squadron and the turning over of Port Arthur and the entire southern portion of Manchuria to the Japanese. It would mean that the army would have to retreat fighting and expose itself to the risk of capture, while at the same time there would be no chance of an advance to recover the lost ground until Port Arthur was recaptured."

"The main body of the Russian army departs now from Port Arthur holding out and no contingency can be foreseen by the Russian general staff that would permit the commandant to surrender the fortress. We don't believe the Japanese can take it and are confident that the Japanese squadron will see the futility of bombarding it and withdraw."

BALFOUR DISCLAIMS PROTECTION IDEAS

Denies That He Has Ever Advocated Such a Step at Any Time.

London, March 3.—Premier Balfour aroused both cheers and derisive laughter by the statement in the House of Commons this afternoon that he had never advocated protection either in or outside the cabinet.

The assertion was elicited by the request of Mr. MacNeil (Nationalist), that Mr. Balfour give the public an opportunity of reading his pamphlet advocating protection referred to the cabinet. Mr. Balfour declared that such a pamphlet was not in existence, and added the above intimation that he was not a protectionist.

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WEALTHY MAN KIDNAPPED.

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Houston, Texas, March 3.—Daniel Cushing, aged 32 years, a prominent and wealthy man from Columbus, Miss., was kidnapped by unknown persons last night at Devil's river, where he had gone for his health. A note in his handwriting was found pinned to the door of the railroad station stating that he had been kidnapped by four men and would be held for a ransom of \$10,000.

The note gave instructions for leaving the money on the steps of the Mexican schoolhouse at Del Rio Tuesday night, March 8. Texas rangers and sheriff's posse are scouring the country.

WINNIPEG NOTES.

Winnipeg, March 3.—Local option was defeated in Bothwell, Man., but in Fredericton the attempt to secure hotel licenses failed.

Ex-constable John Micklejohn has left for Vancouver. He had entered suit against the city in behalf of twelve constables who had recently resigned on account of the feeling towards a sergeant claiming a month's pay. He got tired waiting.

The old immigration hall will be moved from its present site to a new one by C. P. R. locomotives, preliminary to starting work on a new \$100,000 structure.

FLOODS AVERTED.

Clearfield, Pa., March 3.—A drop of fifty degrees in temperature today saved Clearfield from a disastrous flood from the west branch of the Susquehanna. The water reached a height of 13 feet 6 inches tonight. The New York Central freight and passenger stations have been abandoned and trains are running via the direct line because of washouts. All factories and homes are flooded as well as residences on the lower side of Front street. A blizzard is raging here tonight.

RUSSIAN SUBMARINES.

Ten Vessels of English Type to be Constructed Immediately.

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Outrages By The Russians

Refugees From Port Arthur Relate Terrible Tales of Cruelty.

Many Women Drowned In the Endeavor to Escape to Dalny.

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Keenan was born in Ireland, but came here when he was three years old. He made his entrance into poli-



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A Fall Fair Proclamation

Meyer Barnard Declares It Must Be Made An Unqualified Success.

Ability of City to Get Big Dominion Exhibition Hinges on This Year's Effort.

There is no reason in the world why the exhibition of 1904 at Victoria, under the auspices of the British Columbia Agricultural Association, should not be the most successful in every respect ever held in this city. All that is required is good, hard, active work on the part of the citizens."

So declared His Worship Mayor Barnard to a Colonist reporter yesterday afternoon. Asked what he thought was the outlook for the annual agricultural event, his worship displayed the greatest enthusiasm and gave every evidence of being seized with a determination to take a special interest in seeing that the show is made a huge success. He said in the course of his remarks:

"There is a special reason why Victorians should put forth a particular effort to make this year's show a great success. As you know, we are making an effort to secure for this city the big Dominion exhibition of 1905, and I know that we have an excellent chance of getting it. But a factor in our chances for success in this connection will be the manner in which we display our ability this year to conduct a successful show. I learn that the Ottawa

authorities are all favorable to the idea of Victoria being given the bonus of \$50,000, which the usual government grant for the large fairs and it behooves us, with that knowledge in our possession, to put forth a tremendous effort to clinch the matter. The best way we can do this is to demonstrate this fall that Victoria is a popular centre with the farmers of the province. We must make the fair a greater success than ever; get a huge attendance, have a splendid array of exhibits and entertain the visitors in such an excellent manner that they will be a unit in declaring that Victoria is the ideal spot for the big Dominion fair."

"And I think it can be done," continued his worship. "The fair last year was an excellent one in many respects, which has been held in recent years. In the cattle exhibit we were particularly fortunate, the amount of stock displayed and the interest in this feature taken by the farmers being beyond all expectations. Why, do you know that the cattle sales alone at the last fall exhibition realized a sum of \$20,000? This is indeed a fine showing."

"Now, as to what we ought to do particularly to ensure the success of this year's exhibition. First of all, I think the executive of the Agricultural Society should receive the active and hearty support of the people of Victoria—the merchants, the manufacturers and the business men generally. We've got a grant of \$2,000 from the provincial government and we will require to raise at least \$3,000 by subscriptions from the citizens. We will have a committee at work soliciting in a few days, and I hope the response will be ready and generous. We are starting none too early if we consider the importance of the task we have set ourselves—the arranging of the best exhibition we have ever had."

"I think we should endeavor to arrange this year to make our display of manufacturing exhibits larger and more attractive, and I would like to see more attention paid to the display of exhibits which show the progress of manufacture and full operation of machinery, machinery. For instance, last year the Colonist had a very interesting lot of machinery at work exhibiting the various processes of printing and bookbinding, and it was remarked that crowds surrounded this exhibit continuously. I hope others will follow the Colonist's example this year and give us a little variety and attractiveness. These are always pleasing features to the crowds which attend the fall fair, especially to those who come from the country districts."

"Of course we will, at a later date, give full consideration to the question of providing special attractions. We must have lots of these, and the best kind. Our limit in this direction will be determined by the success we achieve in collecting funds. But we must make this fall fair this year a great success—that is the point to be kept in mind, and I think that when the citizens of Victoria once understand the importance of doing so, we need have no fear of the result."

Master-at-Arms Deserts—H. M. S. Flora is minus her master-at-arms. He recently found the climate of Esquimalt not to his taste, for on Tuesday night last he boarded one of the Seattle boats and, by bluffing one of the officers on board that he was going to Seattle to arrest deserters, he managed to reach the Sound city. Recently he walked into a Johnson street saloon and told the bartender that he had been held up on Esquimalt road and robbed of \$50 by some bluejacketed friends.

A reward of \$500 is offered for his arrest. Two stokers got adrift yesterday; they were located by the city police and put on board.

To protect you against imitations the portrait and signature of Dr. A. W. Chase, the famous receipt book author, are on every bottle.

F. Goldie, Sample; B. Wunrife, Dawson, and E. and Mrs. Dalley, Nicola Lake, are at the Vernon.

GOOD FEBRUARY SCHOOL RECORD

Attendance Last Month Was Excellent in all Save the Primary Classes.

Except in the lowest primary classes the school attendance during last month was excellent. Some of the schools, however, were below the post-war average, and some above, because of a week's absence of the Chinese pupils. South Park makes the highest school average, the percentage being 91.82, the West school comes next, with 90.65 per cent, the High School follows with 90.68 per cent. These are the only schools that reached the 90 per cent mark. The average per cent for the whole month is 89.12. The total number present during the month being 2,745.

Following are the totals for all the schools:

| Schools. | Attend. for Month. | Boys. | Girls. | Daily Average. | Attendance Percentage. | Present Session. | Tardiness. | Truancy. |
|-----------------------|--------------------|-------|--------|----------------|------------------------|------------------|------------|----------|
| High School | 211 | 96 | 115 | 191.35 | 90.68 | 87 | 24 | 0 |
| West School | 550 | 550 | 441 | 483.41 | 87.80 | 240 | 30 | 0 |
| Girls' School | 411 | — | 411 | 401.00 | 90.45 | 214 | 3 | 0 |
| North Ward | 155 | 155 | 155 | 393.08 | 90.75 | 110 | 36 | 0 |
| South Park | 390 | 178 | 182 | 339.56 | 91.82 | 120 | 28 | 8 |
| Victoria West | 217 | 98 | 119 | 197.58 | 91.05 | 100 | 23 | 0 |
| Spring Ridge | 176 | 163 | 73 | 157.23 | 89.33 | 31 | 14 | 5 |
| Hillside | 133 | 82 | 51 | 111.48 | 83.78 | 53 | 19 | 1 |
| Kingston Street | 149 | 88 | 61 | 131.62 | 88.33 | 62 | 6 | 1 |
| Rock Bay | 68 | 37 | 31 | 55.11 | 81.04 | 26 | 5 | 0 |
| | 2745 | 1478 | 1257 | 2446.41 | 89.12 | 1103 | 188 | 17 |

An average of 90 per cent was reached by individual divisions as follows:

High School—Divisions 1, 2, 5, 6, 7.
Boys' School—Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.
Girls' School—Divisions 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.
North Ward School—Divisions 1, 2, 6, 7, 8.
Victoria West—Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

Spring Ridge—Divisions 1, 2.

Kingston Street—Division 1.

Rock Bay—Division 1.

Of these the following reached 95 per cent:

High School—Division 1, 99.33 per cent.
Girls' School—Division 1, 96.55 per cent.
Boys' School—Division 2, 96.07 per cent.

South Park School—Division 1, 95.36.

South Park School—Division 6, 95.57.

Kingston Street—Division 7, 96.85.

A comparison with the returns of February, 1903, is suggestive of the distribution of the school population:

| Feb. 1903. | Feb. 1904. | No. Attending. |
|---------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| High School | 199 | 211 |
| Central and Sp. Ridge | 1679 | 1607 |
| No. Wd. Hillside Rock Bay | 665 | 641 |
| S. Park and Kingston Sts. | 523 | 509 |
| Victoria West | 293 | 217 |
| | 2759 | 2455 |

The increase in the Central school is noticeable, the decrease in the Victoria West and North Ward is due to the exclusion this year of the non-resident pupils.

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Joan of Arc At Centennial

Very Successful Performance of Gaul's Famous Historical Cantata.

Solos and Chorus are Given With Great Spirit and Effect.

In Centennial Methodist church last evening "Joan of Arc" was given by a choir of twenty voices, assisted by Mrs. W. E. Green, soprano; Mr. H. C. Gideon, bass; Mr. Gideon Hicks, baritone. Miss E. Hicks presided at the piano forte and Mr. Jesse A. Longfield at the organ. Mr. William Hicks conducted. The attendance of the public was large, but the merit of the work deserved a much larger audience.

It was noted, as a point of interest, that a whole bench full of fine-looking and very respectable Chinese citizens listened with quiet attention and evident enjoyment to the whole cantata, setting an example of good behavior which happily was not copied by some of the white listeners on the back benches as closely as it might have been. In fact, the bad behavior of those persons contributed handsomely to ruining the whole evening's enjoyment for musical people who happened, by cruel fate, to be seated within earshot of their merriment.

On the wane, the cantata was well sung last evening, although both Mrs. Green and Mr. Ives were suffering from slight colds, and, therefore, not up to their usual high standard of excellence. In spite of this, however, they delighted the audience exceedingly, Mrs. Green's splendid singing being encored persistently.

Mr. Hicks is certainly to be complimented upon his work in training his chorus. They obeyed the baton readily and emphasized where directed. The basses, led by Mr. Arthur Wheeler, bass soloist at the Metropolitan, acquitted themselves admirably, especially in the grand Orleans' chorus of the French men-at-arms. This is one of the tuneful spots in the cantata, and probably the most melodious number in the whole. It is full of fine contrapuntal effects, both instrumental and choral, and the time was excellently maintained throughout. The ladies of the chorus deserve praise for the manner in which they did their work. Under Mr. Hicks' able guidance there is no question that the chorus, as now composed, could soon undertake much more difficult pieces than "Joan of Arc."

Taken altogether, the work of the chorus, as a whole, surpassed expectations of those who, knowing the difficult and exacting character of Gaul's cantata, prepared to hear something much less fine than was actually heard there last evening. Mr. Hicks should feel encouraged to attempt still more with that capable little body of sweet singers.

Of the solos the finest were Mrs. Green's recitative as Joan ("They Sleep," and song, "A Ring a Simple Ring") and later in the pathetic Rouen tragedy where she and the voices musically and mournfully hold final communion. Mrs. Green's work is truly artistic, and is always a treat and a pleasure to listen to her cultured and musical voice.

Then must be mentioned Mr. Gideon Hicks' triumph in the bold, warrior-like song as Robert de Baudricourt, "Who Would Not Fight for Freedom?" He had to respond to an enthusiastic and well-deserved encore. In the duet with Philip (Mr. Ives) Mr. Hicks, as Jean de Novelois, again won hearty applause, as did also Mr. Ives for his capable work. Another bit of the cantata that catches the memory, with its fine music and recitation, is "Ae! cædræd,"

the singing of religious music, and a very successful one, too, it was to be expected that he would make good use of this portion of the tragic story, and he has. It was beautifully done by the chorus, who deserve all praise for their painstaking and clever performance.

As already stated, Mr. Hicks and his splendid little company need feel no hesitation in taking full credit to themselves for providing a first-rate and most enjoyable evening's entertainment, and the people have been very generally impressed that the cantata will be heard again soon, and, if possible, in a hall nearer the centre of the city, when, no doubt, the attendance would be somewhat more commensurate with the sterling merits of the piece and the talents of the singers.

Seven German poets in Berlin entered into a union, refusing to accept less than 10 cents a line for their rhymes.

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THE WAR.

The news from the seat of war still continues to be meagre and to some extent contradictory. It now appears that the report of another attack on Port Arthur was either entirely without foundation or much exaggerated. At the same time taking all the reports from Russian, Japanese and neutral sources together there cannot be much doubt that the Russians have suffered very severely in the early weeks of the campaign, while the Japanese have apparently secured substantial advantages at a very slight cost either in men or material. There can be no doubt now that the Russians were unprepared for a declaration of war. They relied on their diplomats to keep the negotiations going on until they were ready for actual operations. Evidently they thought that they and not the Japanese would start the ball and they have not recovered from the mistake that subsequent events have shown they made.

THE AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITION.

Although it is some months yet before the time of the year at which our agricultural exhibitions are usually held, it is not too soon to call the attention of the citizens to the matter. It is of especial importance that this year's exhibition should be very successful, having regard to the fact that unless that is the case, the prospect of getting the Dominion Exhibition here next year would be very poor. The good people of New Westminster are putting forth great efforts to secure the grize and unless Victoria displays even greater energy, they may be unsuccessful. With a good exhibition this year, the chances for Victoria would be favorable. It will, therefore, be seen that nothing must be left undone to make this year's exhibition the finest and largest that has ever been held in Victoria. But to achieve that will require considerable money and unless the citizens contribute liberally that cannot be obtained. The Mayor and committee will begin the work of collecting subscriptions almost immediately, and it is to be hoped that they will meet with liberal response. The result last year showed what can be done, but this year, for the reason we have named, anything in the past should be surpassed. If the citizens will regard the matter as one in which they all have a direct and personal interest—and the fact that the Dominion Exhibition was held here would benefit everyone who has any interest in the city—we have no doubt that the subscriptions to the fund will be so large as to ensure this year's exhibition being a great success and the prospects for the still greater scheme for next year very favorable. The committee will make a thorough canvass and it is to be hoped that the citizens will give a generous response to its appeal.

more to be removed before the backbone of the Isthmus will have been broken.

The general situation is something like this: Fourteen miles on the Atlantic side and four miles on the Pacific are full of water and only require to be dredged deeper. It is stated that in places these excavations have become so shallow from silt that a boat can touch the bottom. Subtracting this eighteen miles from the total length of forty-nine miles, leaves thirty-one miles to be constructed. Of this twenty-one miles will be created by damming the Chagres river at Bohio with a dam 1,200 feet long. This will form a lake of 13,000 acres in extent, fifty-two feet above the sea level. Then there will be locks dropping vessels about forty feet. Then an interval of less than two miles and then more locks lowering the vessel to sea level about eight miles from Panama. It may be found that locks or lifts for large vessels are impracticable. If so more money and time must be expended and a sea level canal like that at Suez, must be constructed.

It is estimated that the French Company excavated \$4,000,000 cubic metres of earth and that the canal is between one-fifth and one-third dug. The company spent about \$50,000,000 in the work; nearly \$200,000,000 were either stolen or wasted. All along the line of the canal are dredgers and other plant rusting and rotting. Locomotives and cars, sevens overturned and machinery of all kinds. Corruption and mismanagement must have been everywhere on the work. The United States government is to pay the company \$40,000,000 and the Republic of Panama \$10,000,000. The canal commission estimates that it will require about \$145,000,000 more to complete the work. Although this will be much more than the Suez canal cost there is no reason to believe that the enterprise will not be worth the amount expended on it since it will provide a waterway between the East and the West that must become a great maritime route. It is impossible to foretell what effect it will have on existing trade routes, but it cannot fail to bring about great changes and to no countries greater than to those on the littoral of the Pacific ocean.

THE PANAMA CANAL.

Now that the Panama canal treaty is ratified by the Senate, the United States Government is beginning to take steps looking towards the actual carrying out of this great undertaking. There are some legal difficulties apparently to be overcome in regard to the transfer of the uncompleted work from the French Company, but there does not appear to be any doubt at Washington about these being overcome. Nor is there any anxiety felt there in regard to any legal action Colombia may take. So all seems to be in trim for actual construction. This, however, it is realized requires the consideration of many practical problems caused by the character of the country and the climate. Under the work carried on by the French Company the loss of life was very great. The French laborers who were engaged on it died like flies. So it is realized will any men sent to labor there unless millions of money are spent first on sanitation works. The towns of Colon and Panama must be cleansed as nearly every house is infected with the germs of yellow fever and smallpox. The swamps around the towns must be drained and water systems constructed. Sanitation work like that successfully carried out in Havana and Manila must be done. Then the question of labor is a very difficult one. It is estimated that it will take the labor of perhaps 50,000 men for eight years to complete the canal. West India negroes would be efficient for such work, but it is not thought that more than 15,000 would be available. Negroes from the Southern States have been suggested, but it is doubtful if they would go. White men are scarcely likely to be willing to work under the climatic conditions prevailing on the Isthmus. Chinese and Japanese have also been considered, but the former could not be admitted to what is now American territory except by a special act of Congress. If Chinese are employed medical men have pointed out that precautions must be taken to prevent any Chinese returning home from carrying with them the germs of yellow fever—a disease hitherto unknown in the Orient. If it did get a footing there, under existing conditions the result might be appalling.

All these preliminary matters being settled, the engineering problems will demand consideration. The greatest is the Culebra cut, where the canal pierces the Cordilleran range. A cutting has already been made 200 feet deep and of great width. It will require to be excavated 100 feet more. It is estimated that on this work about fifty million cubic metres of earth have been excavated, leaving about forty-three million

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ROLL CALL IN GOREA.

(Milwaukee Sentinel.)

Slowly died the last red sunbeam, slowly came the dusk of night; Where the moonbeams, stronghold of the bearded Muscovite Broke the landscape's rolling contour in a fair Kremlin valley; Many a warrior's heart was heavy, many a warrior's cheek was pale, For the bloody fight was o'er; Silenced was the cannon's roar, All was quiet as a form without a soul; Several unconsummated chaps Volunteered half-heartedly to call the roll.

Major Hlithopecky, present;

Major Fourtikofsky, here;

Brave old Kothegusky, absent;

Bugler Blowsky standing near;

Punkeroff is here, and Stiffsy,

Up spoke Quartermaster Blifsky;

"Can't lose me, boys, never fear!"

Present, too, were Bobtailstraitshsky,

Acesupsky, Buffroff,

Cushionarmosky, Pingpongsky,

Vladimir Onelungeroff;

Butterlinsky, Matlesscatusky,

Largeroff and Antifatky,

Ivan Caseyatthebsky,

And the selfish Feentroff.

Not to mention many more with appellations much the same; Who retorted "Here" and "Present" when the time to answer came.

Slowly spread the crimson sunrise, and the birds in the trees Sang a song that sounded bully to the Muscovites' ears; Silence ensued.

"By my beardsky," muttered he,

"Twas a glorious victory!

Valiant Spilkhergusky had to go, poor soul;

But the only other chap

Was the unconsummated yap

Who succumbed to lockjaw when he called the roll!"

MEN AND THINGS.

When Patti visited Philadelphia the other day an attachment for nearly \$3,000 was issued against the expected receipts of a concert, whereupon Patti declined to sign and the attachment failed.

Hudson's Bay is the third largest enclosed marine sea in the world, being next in size to the Mediterranean Sea and the Caribbean Sea, and a bill is now before the Ottawa Parliament to change its name to the Canadian Sea, "for good political and national reasons, and to assert Canadian supremacy over the waters of the bay and the adjoining territory."—New York Tribune.

They say Lady Wimborne's drawing room is now the greatest and most brilliant political salon in London, and that the Duchess of Devonshire is likely to carry off for her husband the prize of the premiership from the coalition ministry ladies. We commend the example of the London ladies to our semi-skilled sisters here.

The London ladies don't vote, and they don't want to vote. They prefer to make votes. And they seem to know how.—Boston Herald.

A VICTORIA FIREMAN,

Victoria, B. C., March 3d, 1904.

PROVINCIAL PRESS.

A reporter of the Times had the pleasure of being shown through the works of the Mother Lodge smelter this week, by the master and obliging general manager, Fred. K. Moore. One may read and read about one of these new institutions and not begin to realize what a marvellous accomplish-
ment it is. One must see it, then he does not wonder what has been done with the nearly half a million dollars which have been expended in its establishment; and then when he is told of contemplated additional expenditure for enlargements he need not wonder what has been done with the rest of the money.

London theatre managers now make an apology to their audiences when the asbestos curtain is about to be lowered, according to law, lest the lowering of the curtain might create a panic.

While the merchants of Ymir are com-
plaining of hard times, the local line of rail-
way is considering the advantages of put-
ting on a special train to carry in the Tim-
othy Eaton and Eastern departmental store
orders to the camp.—Ymir Mirror.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Sir—I am prepared to admit that rush-
ing into print is very indiscreet and impol-
ite, but when the subject is so important and
comes so suddenly, I am compelled to do so.

Some of the members of the fire depart-
ment are very much disengaged, they like the paternal-
eral, but when the fire alarm sounds, they are
not at all prepared to respond.

So, then, we must suffer to repair the
streets. Why not pay us living wages and
make us all citizens pay for the streets.

Since our salary was reduced we have
been compelled to pay higher prices,

for rent, meat, bacon, bread, etc., flour,
etc., and we must pay everything.

And I do not expect that any disatisfac-
tion and discontent as well as indiffer-
ence is demoralizing and knowing the vitals out

of your department.

White we were

refused our just dues, well salaried officials

at the City Hall who toll from 9 to 4, ex-
cepting Sundays and holidays, received

nothing but the bare necessities of life.

Now, Sir, do they do the same?

First of all, twenty-four hours a day is the

actual service of a permanent fireman.

Secondly, we do the same.

Thirdly, we do the same.

Fourthly, we do the same.

Fifthly, we do the same.

Sixthly, we do the same.

Seventhly, we do the same.

Eighthly, we do the same.

Ninthly, we do the same.

Tenthly, we do the same.

Eleventhly, we do the same.

Twelfthly, we do the same.

Thirteenthly, we do the same.

Fourteenthly, we do the same.

Fifteenthly, we do the same.

Sixteenthly, we do the same.

Seventeenthly, we do the same.

Eighteenthly, we do the same.

Nineteenthly, we do the same.

Twentiethly, we do the same.

Twenty-firstly, we do the same.

Twenty-secondly, we do the same.

Twenty-thirdly, we do the same.

Twenty-fourthly, we do the same.

Twenty-fifthly, we do the same.

Twenty-sixthly, we do the same.

Twenty-seventhly, we do the same.

Twenty-eighthly, we do the same.

Twenty-ninthly, we do the same.

Thirtiethly, we do the same.

Thirty-firstly, we do the same.

Thirty-secondly, we do the same.

Thirty-thirdly, we do the same.

Thirty-fourthly, we do the same.

Thirty-fifthly, we do the same.

Thirty-sixthly, we do the same.

Thirty-seventhly, we do the same.

Thirty-eighthly, we do the same.

Thirty-ninthly, we do the same.

Fortiethly, we do the same.

Forty-firstly, we do the same.

Forty-secondly, we do the same.

Forty-thirdly, we do the same.

Forty-fourthly, we do the same.

Forty-fifthly, we do the same.

Forty-sixthly, we do the same.

Forty-seventhly, we do the same.

Forty-eighthly, we do the same.

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Moge Streets' Cases.—Yesterday morning several more cases were up in the Police court for infraction of the streets' by-law. The cases were remanded in order to give the parties charged under the by-law an opportunity to clean up in front of their premises.

Ro Salmon Traps.—The Toronto Globe says that the commissioner of fisheries was not aware that authority has yet been given to use salmon traps off Victoria, presumably in Beecher Bay. About a fortnight ago a preliminary draft of regulations to govern fishing with purse seines, drag seines and salmon traps was forwarded to Hon. William Templeman.

Purchased Property.—A gentleman from Manitoba who has acquired a competency, and who, during a visit to the city, became enamored of its charms, has purchased two lots on Elliot street, recently opened through the Douglas estate, and will move in a few days the erection of a handsome residence. Several other fine homes will be built on the same street this year.

Wedding at Kuper Island.—On February 24th at Kuper Island, by Rev. R. J. Roberts, Miss May Fredis, youngest daughter of Mr. Henry Simpson, was married to Mr. Edward Rosman, both of Salt Spring Island. They received many presents. A reception was held at the residence of E. J. Rosman, followed by a dance, which was kept up till daylight.

A Call to Arms.—Capt. Wada, an officer of the Japanese reserve, will leave on Wednesday next by the Lyo Maru for Japan. He has been a resident of this city for two years and yesterday received a message to report for service as quickly as possible. Capt. Wada is a cavalry officer and saw service in the late war between China and Japan.

James Bay Filling.—Yesterday the trackmen of the B. C. Electric Railway Company put in new points at the north end of James Bay bridge. A new track will be laid today to, in time, run alongside the retaining wall and fill in that portion as fast as possible. The track at the Spring Ridge end has been completed and after today the work of filling will be energetically pushed forward.

Irish Concert.—The Ladies' Aid Society of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church intend giving an Irish concert on Tuesday evening, the 15th inst., in the lecture room.

Ladies' Aid Meeting.—At the monthly meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of St. Paul's church, Victoria West, on Wednesday afternoon, it was decided to hold the annual spring concert and so do it on Monday evening, the 14th instant, in the church.

Off to the Front.—A passenger on the steamer Athenean, leaving Vancouver on Monday next will be W. Richmond Smith, who has been appointed war correspondent in the Far East of the London Standard. From Monday he went to Ottawa to attend the dinner given by Lord Minto on the anniversary of the battle of Paardeberg.

New Coal Seam.—All doubts as to the outcome of the sinking of the new slope by the Western Fuel Company at Departure Bay, the nature of which had been largely experimental, were set at rest yesterday, when, after months of persistent drilling through hard rock, a fine seam of coal was reached. The thickness of the seam is not yet known. A large force of men were put to work sinking a new shaft on the city side of the channel. New shipping wharves will be built at Departure Bay.

Touring California.—Captain George Roberts and wife are now making an extended tour of California, says the Seattle Times of yesterday. Word was received in Seattle today from Los Angeles that Capt. Roberts would return to Seattle shortly. He was captain of the steamship Callam when that vessel foundered in the Strait of Juan de Fuca, and it is believed that he will take an appeal from the decision of the local inspectors while absent. His license was suspended for one year. If an appeal is taken, it will be made to Supervising Inspector Birmingham in San Francisco.

Jack Well Pleased.—Judging from the expressions heard yesterday, the men of the land forces and the fleet are well pleased with the action of the committee of the Lifesaving Association in making a special nomination for the "Creation" concert for men in uniform, and a large number may be expected on Tuesday evening next. Yesterday was pay day in naval circles, and the men were enjoying themselves last evening.

Horses for Stage Service.—Dr. J. J. Coutts, veterinarian for the White Pass & Yukon route, left Sunday on the Dolphin with twenty head of horses for use on the company's White Horse Dawson stage service. The animals were secured in eastern Washington and an average of \$150 a head was paid for them. The company's business demands a medium-sized horse that is quick and nimble, and a certain number of heavy animals for use on the freight sledges are also needed. The prospects for the coming season are very good, according to S. P. Brown, general agent of the road in Seattle.

Funeral of J. White.—The remains of the late John Allen White were laid to rest yesterday afternoon. The funeral took place from the family residence, No. 5 Putnam street, at 2:30 o'clock, where service was conducted by the Rev. E. G. Miller at the residence and at the grave. The large attendance of friends and the many beautiful floral designs testifies to the esteem in which the deceased was held. The Cigar-Makers' Union, No. 211, attended in a body. The following acted as pall-bearers: H. Hepworth, Jr., Pollock, J. D. Hepworth, C. Behansen, J. Hepworth and J. Finch.

"Rosemary" Tonight.—Several of those who will appear in the play "Rosemary" to be given at the Victoria theatre this evening are of national reputation. The cast includes Frederick Webber, Geo. Gaston, Henry Bookner, Norman MacDonald, Alfred Conibear, Louis Ellsner, Sadie Handy, Edna Ewen and Margaret Hardy. All the characters in the beautiful comedy-drama are distinct types of people. Acting of singular merit will be shown.

Mr. Kyle's company is said to be of extraordinary merit, each member having been selected with a view to the fitness of the character he represents.

Town Boomers Busy.—A correspondent writing from Port Simpson under date of February 25th, says: "With the coming of spring and the warming up of the weather, townsite boomers are getting busy along the proposed line of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway. At Hazelton, 150 miles from the mouth of the Skeena river, town lots are offered for sale on the stretch of the building of the railway. Here there has been a tract of land platted by a real estate firm of Vancouver, B. C., and lots are for sale. Every little town along the coast, from Milbank Sound to Nass Inlet, is sure of having the terminal of the Grand Trunk. At every little bay or harbor ground has been taken up by speculators in the hope that the road, when built, will come to their patch of ground and there build a city."

A Fine Showing.—C. H. Dickie, ex-M. P. P. of Duncan, who was in the city yesterday confirming the good reports about the condition of the Rich and Hill mine at Mount Siicker. He says that in connection with the 60,000 shares put on the market at par, no special effort is being made to sell them. Already 26,000 of them have been taken up by members of the company. The presence of such a depth of snow on the mountain interfered with the transport of the ore from the mine to the Lemens railway, where it was shipped to the Crofton smelter. The remarkable possibilities of the mine is shown by the fact that with only fifteen men shipped out, they would be able to pay a dividend on it. Instead of this, the company is devoting the proceeds towards more fully equipping the mine.

Nanaimo Indignant.—There is some indignation in Nanaimo that Mrs. S. Jones, one of the victims of the Queen disaster, did not get better treatment at Port Townsend. The Nanaimo Free Press says: "It is almost incredible, but it is a fact, that the storekeepers at Port Townsend refused to open their places of business that the almost naked survivors of the Queen might buy clothing, and some of them arrived in Victoria later clad in blankets." Mrs. Moore, of Victoria; H. H. Walton, of Vancouver, and F. C. Stearns, of Nanaimo, are appointed members of the board of examiners under the Pharmacy Act for 1904.

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Supreme Court.—The next sitting of the Supreme Court will be on Monday, the 21st next. There are also cases set for hearing on the 22nd.

Arranging Lecture.—An effort is being made to arrange for another of the series of popular lectures before the Victoria board of trade, this time Dr. Newcombe being the lecturer. The doctor has a vast fund of valuable information respecting the operations of British Columbia and their customs, and as he has long been a student of natural history and has pursued that inclination on this island and elsewhere in the province, would be able to deliver a most entertaining and instructive address.

In Chambers.—Yesterday morning, before the Hon. Mr. Justice Drake, the following applications were heard: Pacific Towing Co. vs. Morris; application for interpleader, Robertson for plaintiff, Taylor contra. Order made directing an issue to be tried; claimant to be plaintiff, Wilson vs. Richards, application by C. Wilson for leave to issue current writ for service out of jurisdiction. Order made, appearance ten days after service. Re Times Printing & Publishing Co., application J. H. Lawrence, jun., to discharge liquidator, and distribute assets. Order made. Re Am. Laundry, deceased, application by F. Higgins for probate. Granted.

Guides for Tourists.—Discussing the outlook for a large tourist business in Canada next year, L. O. Armstrong, organization editor of the C. P. R., says: "A difficult task, the right way to count is in finding a sufficient number of trained guides. It looks as though this would become a department of the C. P. R., and a training school for guides be a necessity of the near future. Not only must the guide be a good canoeist, but he must be able to cook for and cater to the wants of tourists who demand luxuries. The Hudson's Bay Company have trained many such men, and many have become expert in this line through caring for the wants of railway men during periods of construction, but there are not enough of them."

Excursions Next Week.—In connection with next week's "Creation" performance in aid of the funds of the Lifesaving Association, special cheap rates over the E. & N. railway from Nanaimo and way points, and the C. P. R. from Vancouver, have been arranged. Those traveling from Vancouver will be privileged to leave Vancouver on Tuesday and return either the same night or the following day. The Nanaimo contingent can return on Wednesday, either morning or afternoon. Tickets at Vancouver are for sale at the Hicks & Lovick Co.'s waterworks on Hastings street, and at Nanaimo at Harry Rogers' drug store.

Oranges Next Week.—T. H. Twigg, a member of the board of directors of the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital, and a prominent local labor man, has just launched a movement which aims at the accomplishment of a most worthy object. He proposes that the members of the various labor organizations of the city should contribute to a fund to equip and maintain a room in the new Strathcona wing at the hospital as a monument to organized labor, it offering at the same time special advantages to members of the various unions who might at any time be in need of hospital treatment. The idea has been well received by the Trades and Labor Council, and there seems every reason to believe that the effort will be crowned with immediate success.

Orange Lodges Flourishing.—After a very pleasant visit to Victoria, Mr. A. Duff, grand organizer for the Orange lodges of British North America, has left en route East. Mr. Duff expresses himself as delighted with Victoria and vicinity, and looks forward to another visit here during the summer months.

He is the champion shot of Canada, which he has had for the past seven years, and hopes to enjoy some of the sport this district affords. While Mr. Duff has paid particular attention to explaining the advantages to be gained by insuring through this order. As a result there were fifteen applications for insurance. This was quite gratifying and Mr. Duff arranged that the members of the lodge, requesting that they always take an active interest in the advancement of the order. W. O. Wallace was placed in charge of the insurance of this district.

A Logging Difficulty.—Acting under instructions from the provincial government, timber inspectors have seized logs at S. J. Johnson's sawmill, Renfrew, S. J. Johnson's sawmill, belonging to the Victoria Lumber Company and Becker & David, for non-payment of royalties. The amount due by Becker & David for stumpage is about \$1,700. Mr. Becker informed the Colonist last evening that the whole difficulty is the result of a misunderstanding. This firm was induced to acquire certain logging properties on the West Coast on the assurance being given by the vendors that the timber was crown granted and would not be subject to royalty. It now appears that this assurance was illegitimate and of no value, and the only way out of the difficulty is to pay the amount in question and due. This says Mr. Becker will be done. The company may make an attempt to recoup themselves by action against the parties who sold them the properties.

Wedding at Esquimalt.—On Thursday afternoon at the Soldiers and Sailors' Home, Esquimalt road, Miss. Bertha Harris, second daughter of Mrs. Arthur Meshier, of Admiralty road, Esquimalt, was joined in matrimony to Mr. James Moore, of Vancouver. The Rev. J. P. Hicks, Wesleyan chaplain at the former. The bride, who was attended by her sister, Miss Beatrice Harris, looked very handsome in a beautiful costume of lawn broadcloth, trimmed with cream chiffon, and wore a large chiffon picture hat. She carried a beautiful shower bouquet of white roses and carnations, the gift of the groom. The bridesmaids were a very pretty costume of blue cloth with chiffon picture hat and carried a beautiful bouquet of pink roses and carnations. The bridegroom was the recipient of a beautiful leek and chain, the gift of the groom, Mr. Geo. T. Ward. He performed the duties of best man. After the ceremony a number of friends assembled at a residence of the bride's parents and sat down to a beautiful supper, after which dancing and other amusements were indulged in. The happy couple were the recipients of a large number of valuable and useful presents. Mr. and Mrs. Moore left during the evening for the States, where the honeymoon is to be spent, after which they will take up their residence at Vancouver.

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WRESTLING.

Grand Sport Promised on Monday. The wrestling matches on Monday promise to be of more than passing interest and all the participants are busy training for their respective battles. Jack O'Neil has engaged to put five men down in an hour or forfeit \$25, and the sailors have determined to at least, make him work to save his skin.

"Two Feathers" is getting better off his cold and is practising daily with his opponent. Up to date he has never been beaten but one in a best two out of three match, and that once by Gotch, the champion of the world. It is freely predicted that given more experience "Two Feathers" will make a strong bid for that honor himself. His opponent, D. A. McMillan, has already admitted this and knows he has all his work cut out to save himself from being thrown three times in the hour. In any case, win or lose, "Two Feathers" and his managers are very plucky and do not seem to mind giving decent odds. It is safe to predict a large house on Monday evening at the Victoria theatre.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Game at Barracks on Saturday. When the Victoria and Garrison elevens meet at the Barracks on Saturday in their second Provincial League engagement, it is expected that one of the hottest games ever witnessed here will

easily. Hancock, Bloomfield and Hutchinson did some very fine shooting, while the Stevens brothers put up their usual effective game at guard. For the losers, Jamieson and Moore played a good forward game, and the Neelands brothers worked their best to save their goal. F. Baker of Victoria West, gave every satisfaction after referee.

The Senior Victoria West team leaves for Nanaimo and Ladysmith this morning. They play Nanaimo tonight in their game and meet Ladysmith on Saturday night. The team is as follows: Guards, T. Crookshank; centre, F. Baker; forwards, F. Baker, P. Flanagan, J. Neeland, S. Hutchinson and J. Hancock; mascot, J. Balley. A great game is expected at Vancouver as the match here resulted in a win for Victoria West by one point.

HANDBALL.

J. B. A. Tournament.

S. Jost and C. Pendray are making a strong bid for first place in the doubles at the J. B. A. handball tournament. In the last match they defeated J. Sutherland and L. Solly, the score being 21-4, 21-2.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Victoria vs. Flora.

Burning to avenge their recent defeat at the hands of the sturdy tars, the mixed Victoria Senior Aid Intermediate aggregation will take the field against the Flora Saturday afternoon, at the Caledonia grounds, when a fine exhibition of the grand old game is expected.

The locals have a pretty good team this time, and the sailors will have this time the game of their lives with it. As the Flora affect has always been exceedingly strong in the forward division, Victoria will line up with eight husky players, determined that upon no account will they be bested in the "scrums." The backs are fast, and if they get them in their combination will take a lot of stopping. Enthusiasts should not miss this game, as it promises to be the event of the Rugby season. The Victoria affect is composed of the following: Full back, H. Ogden; half backs, three-quarters, L. Bell, C. Berkely, K. Schleicher (capt.) S. Patton; full backs, J. Bray, W. Newcombe; forwards, C. Cullin, C. B. Kennedy, J. Cornwall, R. Janion, W. Morey, A. McLean, F. A. Macrae, J. Pemberton, Reserves, W. Heath, L. Foot, W. Redfern, Alexia Martin will act as referee. As the senior game must start at 3 o'clock the junior Central and Oak Bay teams are requested to commence their game promptly at 1:30.

Junior Game Saturday.

On Saturday afternoon next the Central Juniors will play conclusions with the Oak Bay team. Both these teams are exceptionally fast for junior aggregations and a very close game is looked for. The following players will represent the Central Club: Full back, H. Ogden; three-quarters, A. Sargison, H. Sarginson, F. Anderson, W. Todd; half backs, W. Newcombe and W. Kinlock; Forwards, L. Sweeney (centre), Morris, McConnell, Dougal, Morley, Loat, Wilson, Clegg and Keefe; Substitutes, Lyall, Farr and others.

The Oak Bay team will be selected from the following: Phair, Nason, Scott, Winsby, F. Nason, Patterson, Ashe, A. Morley, Robertson, Jeffs, Raynor, Fawsett, Janion, McInnes, Miller, Marcon and Pitts. The game will start at 1:30 sharp and all players are requested to be on the grounds at that time.

THE DECEPTION OF THE CZAR.

That the Czar was deceived by Viceroy Kuroki into the belief that there would be no war has become evident. Absolutism would seem to have been a blunder from the start. With a creditable record as a naval commander, he had had no experience as a diplomat, and his contemptuous treatment of the Japanese despatches and demands show that he entirely misunderstood there purport. He began with the idea that Japan would not commit precipitate hostilities, and when the bust he was as much surprised as his royal master, to whom he has always reported his conviction that there would be no war if it rested with the Japanese to strike the first blow. So great was the Czar's confidence in Alexieff that all the negotiations were taken out of the hands of the Minister of War. Alexieff and confided to the Viceroy, who had the idea in his mind that Japan was playing a game of bluff, and treated her accordingly. The Emperor was the worst advised man in his empire as to the real condition of affairs. The night before the battleships and cruisers received their deathblow at Port Arthur he informed a diplomat who conversed with him at St. Petersburg, that his reign which began in 1855, had been in peace. It is surprising to think that the impetuous head of a great power like Russia, which has started out on a world-conquering mission, in accordance with the advice of Peter the Great, should have been so ill-informed, but evidence as to his want of knowledge, if not incapacity, is daily accumulating. The Czar does not possess a strong mentality. The report that he is often in tears over the way things go on, is a sign of weakness, but confirming evidence of his incapacity is found in the fact that he intends to command the armies in person. Nicholas I., who met the shock of the combined forces of Great Britain, France and Turkey in 1855, accepted defeat with good grace. At least, history records that he did not weep, but at the recent hostilities resumed the task of consolidating his empire extending his empire. Balked at the Balkans by the treaty with the allies, he turned his attention to an Asiatic outlet. The armies of his successors invaded and subdued the petty principalities of Central Asia, invested Cochin China from China proper, and swept down upon Manchuria. The present Czar, who has undertaken to extend the policy of grab and carry with a severe kick from the side, expected much to weep over his failure to think that Alexieff will be relieved and that a stronger and more intelligent man will take his place. It is difficult to foreshadow what effect a defeat of the Russian army may have on Russian public opinion; but it does not seem that Czar Nicholas has a strong hold on the affections of his people. The result is the condition of mutual revulsion and ideas which were previously popularized. The people, who are fond of despotic rule, reverenced Nicholas I. because he was a man of strong will, and in the hour of defeat they stood by him, but if the present Nicholas should prove to be a weakling and his policy should crumble before the armies of the Mikado, his reign might come suddenly to an end.

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Victoria West Wins From Fernwoods.

The Victoria West Intermediates defeated the Fernwoods in their own hall by a score of 26 points to 7, last evening. The Victoria Wests have won straight games. They have not yet met Fernwoods and are anxious to play Vancouver and Nanaimo for the Intermediate championship. Last night's game was hotly contested, but the green shirts were too much for their opponents and won fairly.

Saturday Night's Game.

The J. B. A. A. play the Y. M. C. A. at the Drill hall concert on Saturday evening and as the latter have been practicing very hard, an interesting struggle will take place. The Y. M. C. A. realize that their weakness is that this season has been in the shooting department. Consequently, for the past two weeks they have been putting in steady practice at the basket. They Bays will not have a walkover by any means, and if possible their opponents intend to give them a big surprise. The J. B. A. team is as follows:

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Maudie—I wonder if it is really so that Agnes is engaged? Anne—Well, I don't believe it till I see it denoted in the papers.—Judge.

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THOUSANDS BATTING WITH RAGING FLAMES

Prairie Fires Burn Over Thou sand Square Miles and Threatens City.

Lawton, Okla., March 3.—Reports indicate that five persons have been burned to death, and there are 1,000 square miles of territory in Iowa and Comanche counties swept by prairie fires. Hundreds of people are homeless and it is impossible to estimate accurately the financial loss.

A. W. Crawford, Mrs. Henderson and two daughters, living near Lawton, were seriously burned, one of the daughters probably fatally.

More fatalities are expected as reports from some districts are incomplete.

At Hobart, the county seat of Kiowa, where the fire approached from the east, destroying everything. Spreading to the southwest, the fire swept 75,000 acres of government military and timber reserves and Indian reserves, destroying several Indian houses and forty head of government cattle.

In this district Dock and John Ilarmon brothers, and a man named Fisher, perished. Two women also were killed.

Laté at night the fire began moving southward toward this city. At mid-night, 5,000 people of the city were battling with the approaching flames. The advance line of the fire was fully two miles long. A thousand men turned their efforts to check the fire at the grass borders. Water from every source was carried and distributed along the line. This served the purpose of checking the advancing lines of fire, but was of little avail in hindering the continual rolling of firebrands into the streets of the city. In more than one hundred places flames arose from dwellings, garages and outbuildings. Whenever a blaze grew men were put to quench it with water. As a result of the cool judgment of the fighters, the city's loss was only \$10,000. Whole families lay out on the prairies throughout the freezing night until the storm had passed, with thin cloths on. Hundreds of people are destitute and suffering from the cold.

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LONDON'S INDISCRETIONS.

Why the Funny War Correspondent Got Into Trouble.

Mr. Jack London, one of the numerous band of American war correspondents at present in Japan, will probably evolve some thrilling material for the journal or general readers, from his experiences at Moji, but it is probable that his articles will be illustrated, says the Koha Chimbido. To people living in this part of the world the news of men with cameras being arrested at Moji, Shimoneseki, and thereabouts is somewhat common, but we can imagine the excitement of the officials in capturing a real live war correspondent in the act of snapshotting—never mind what—within the fortified zone. It is the old story told. Mr. London arrived at Moji on Sunday from Nagasaki, and was staying at Kainan-ko, which left on Monday for Korea. Mr. London's intention being to go on to Chelmpoo. On Monday afternoon he was walking through Moji, when his attention was attracted by a group of coolies whom he photographed. No sooner had he "pressed the button" than he was pounced upon by a policeman, who politely informed him that he must accompany him to Moji, and was led off to the station. He was then taken to the police station, where he was confined in a small room, and his camera was taken away.

It was not until Tuesday that he was examined, found guilty of an infraction of the Strategic Zone Regulations. Despite his protestations that he had no intention of breaking the law, and was ignorant of the regulation in force, his explanation was not accepted, and he was promptly sent to the Kokura Ku Sabalsho for trial. We are informed that Mr. London requested that his lawyer be allowed to speak to Kokura too, a request which was granted.

It was not until Tuesday that he was examined, found guilty of an infraction of the Strategic Zone Regulations, fined 5 yen and sent, with baggage, back to Moji. The Court ordered that Mr. London's camera, a very valuable one, should be confiscated. When he got back to Moji of course the boat was gone, but, as he had no idea where it had gone, he took the ship as much as he did his camera. We should have thought it would have been sufficient (even if that were necessary) to destroy the plates in the camera, as has been done in similar instances before. If the facts are as stated, and we have no reason to doubt them, the Kokura Court seems to have acted in a somewhat arbitrary manner.

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Arthur Dawson and wife of Dawson, are in the city, having returned from England, whence they went three months ago. They will pay a brief visit to friends here before proceeding to the Yukon.

A. S. Cross of Atlin, is in the city, a guest at the Dominiou.

Dr. Ernest Hall is expected to arrive from Vancouver this evening.

John S. Howard of Nanaimo, is a guest at the Dr. Dred.

C. H. Dickey returned to Duncan yesterday after a brief visit to Victoria.

Lady Bromley and Mr. H. A. Bromley arrived yesterday on the R. M. S. Empress of India, and are staying at Mrs. James Dunsmuir's.

Mrs. J. H. Poff left last evening on the Princess Beatrice on an extended trip to England. She will go through the States as well as many friends of Mrs. George Herd will be grieved to learn that she is still confined to her home with muscular rheumatism.

J. D. Breeze, provincial manager of the Confederation Life Assurance Co., with headquarters at Vancouver, is in the city, a guest at the Dr. Dred.

D. McLeod, Western superintendent of the R. P. post office, Vancouver, is in the city, having come down from the Mainland to meet the Empress of India.

Senator McSweeney, of Moncton, N. B., in company with Mrs. McSweeney and Miss McSweeney, paid Victoria a brief visit.

John Boyd, of Vancouver, is in the city registered at the Dr. Dred.

J. D. Scott, Vancouver, is at the Dr. Dred.

C. E. Fisher, of New Westminster, is at the Dr. Dred.

Mr. S. and Mrs. Dunnigan, Hongkong, are at the Vernon.

C. H. Dickey and wife, Duncans; A. Lucas, Texada; John F. Kane, Denver; J. Fife Toronto; H. Sagan and E. W. MacLean, Vancouver, are at the Victoria.

Mrs. J. L. Tait has returned from a six week's vacation to relatives in Ontario and New York State.

John L. Hubbard, president of the Western Fuel Co., Nanaimo, is in the city, registered at the Dr. Dred.

H. N. Rich, of Ladner, is at the Dr. Dred.

F. Carter-Cotton came to the city last evening and is registered at the Dr. Dred.

Auday Morrison, M. P. is at the Dr. Dred.

J. E. Woods, Capt. S. F. Mackenzie and W. T. Stein, all of Vancouver, are at the Dr. Dred.

Capt. Bucknam and Miss Bucknam were passengers from the Sound by the Princess Beatrice yesterday evening.

F. C. Gamble returned from the Mainland yesterday evening. He has been at Nelson looking into the preparations for the building of the new court house.

J. H. Risley returned from the Mainland last evening.

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PASSENGERS.

Passengers per steamer Charmer from Vancouver: J. McCall, G. Livingston and wife, J. Salmon, D. A. McMillan W. Jones, Miss Regan, M. S. Clark, B. W. Hilliard, C. E. Urquhart and wife, H. B. Gilmore, D. Healey, Mrs. Corrigan, E. Julian, A. Kaye, C. M. O'Brien, H. Stirling, W. B. Wilson, J. Garden, C. E. Heard, O. S. Schofield, S. Harvey, R. W. Wilson, F. Lovick, Prof. Donaldson, J. B. Seabrook, R. G. Miller, M. L. Martin, W. A. Beattie and wife, Miss F. Vincent.

Passengers per steamer Whateford from the Sound: S. J. Latimer, H. Pratt, Geo. Homann, Fred Ballard, Gus Lindak, W. Bissell, Mrs. Morris, Miss Cowen, Mr. Prince and wife, Capt. Becker, Maj. Phillips, J. Witton, C. Lillibridge, Mrs. Levy, Jas. Stark, Dr. Vroom, Mrs. Middleton, Jas. Taylor, Chas. Butler, Chas. Edwards, Jas. Paterson, S. E. Bartlett, J. S. Lindsay.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

Local News.

New York, March 3.—Today's stock market was a stagnant pond. It was only in stocks of a minor grade, usually obscure in the market, that movements were distinguishable. There were a few advances of point or more in this class. These advances gave the impression of firmness, but the market would have been otherwise without any tone. There was a few weeks in the summer of 1900 when the average dealings fell near to the present level of dullness, but the dullness that was regarded as reasonable and probably temporary and carried with it none of the profound discouragement which now pervades Wall Street, regarding any chance for better business. The清淡的气氛 has been so bad as to bring about a general loss of business at a loss, and the nominal price of stock exchange seats shows a sagging tendency, though no sales are reported. It is necessary to go back to the bad old times prior to 1897 to find any exact parallel to the present feeling in Wall Street. The \$10,000,000 paid over to the Panama Republic goes from one set of bank vaults and into another. The other great bank vaults, so that local bank reserves are the gauges to the extent of the payment from the sub-treasury. It has been allowed to be understood also that the Panama Republic contemplates withdrawing only 20 per cent of its payments from New York, leaving \$8,000,000 for investments. The transfer of the remaining \$10,000,000 is expected also to increase the money supply in New York by transfusion from interior government depositories, and by payment from the sub-treasury. Bonds were steady. Total sales, par value, \$1,035,000. United States 2s advanced half per cent on call.

New York, March 3.—The following were the closing bids on the Stock Exchange today:

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| Amalgamated Copper | 4075 |
| American Locomotive | 565 |
| American Locomotive pfd | 8155 |
| American Sugar Refining Co. | 12055 |
| American Smelting & Refining Co. | 475 |
| American Car & Foundry | 205 |
| Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe | 655 |
| Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe pfd. | 885 |
| Baltimore & Ohio | 705 |
| Baltimore & Ohio Transit | 475 |
| Canadian Pacific Railway | 115 |
| Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul | 1395 |
| Colorado Southern | 105 |
| Consolidated Gas, New York | 1915 |
| Cors Products | 185 |
| Dawson & Hudson | 165 |
| Denver & Rio Grande | 65 |
| Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic | 125 |
| Iowa | 35 |
| Louisville & Nashville | 1035 |
| Manhattan Elevated | 1435 |
| Missouri Pacific | 885 |
| Minn., St. P. & S. St. M. | 615 |
| Metropolitan Traction | 115 |
| New York Central | 1145 |
| Erie Railway | 235 |
| Erie Railway 1st pf | 625 |
| New York, Ontario & Western | 555 |
| North Western | 265 |
| Pacific Mail | 1135 |
| Pennsylvania Railway | 25 |
| Pressed Steel | 985 |
| People's Gas | 405 |
| Philadelphia & Reading | 795 |
| Philadelphia & Reading pf | 205 |
| Rock Island Certificates | 205 |
| Southern Railway | 15 |
| Southern Pacific | 435 |
| United States Leather | 175 |
| United States Steel pfd | 75 |
| United States Steel pf | 565 |
| American Sugar Refining Co. | 12055 |
| United States Rubber pf | 45 |
| Union Pacific | 745 |
| Wabash Railway | 175 |
| Wabash Railway pf | 335 |
| Western Union Telegraph Co. | 85 |
| Wisconsin Central | 175 |
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Colorado Southern 105

Consolidated Gas, New York 1915

Cors Products 185

Dawson & Hudson 165

Denver & Rio Grande 65

Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic 125

Iowa 35

Louisville & Nashville 1035

Manhattan Elevated 1435

Missouri Pacific 885

Minn., St. P. & S. St. M. 615

Metropolitan Traction 115

New York Central 1145

Erie Railway 235

Erie Railway 1st pf 625

New York, Ontario & Western 555

North Western 265

Pacific Mail 1135

Pennsylvania Railway 25

Pressed Steel 985

People's Gas 405

Philadelphia & Reading

Philadelphia & Reading pf 795

Rock Island Certificates 205

Southern Railway 15

Southern Pacific 435

United States Leather 175

United States Steel pfd 75

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United States Rubber pf 45

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New York, March 3.—Money on call, steady; highest, 2 per cent; lowest, 1½ per cent; ruling rate, 1¾ per cent; last loan, 1¾ per cent; closing bid, 1½ per cent; offered at 1¾ per cent; time loans, easy; 60 days, 3 per cent; 90 days, 3½ per cent; six months, 4 to 4½ per cent.

Chicago, March 3.—The following were the closing prices of furs on the Board of Trade:—Wheat, May, 97; July, 92; old, 93½; Sept., 86; old, 87; Corn, March, 49½; May, 52½; July, 51½; Sept., 50½; Oats, May, 49½ to 40%; July, 38½; Sept., 33½ to 33%.

New York, March 3.—Prime mercantile paper, 4½ to 5½ per cent; sterling exchange, firm; copper, quiet; tin, firm; straits, 28½ to 28½; spotter, firm.

London, March 3.—Lead, £11 17s 6d.

New York, March 3.—Lead, \$14.

Postcards in colors and in black and white in great variety at Hibben & Company's.

THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office, Victoria, March 3, 8 p.m.

SYNOPSIS.

The pressure is low over British Columbia, but has risen slightly on the coast.

Snow is falling at Barkerville and on the plateau higher levels of Oregon and Washington, and moderate to heavy snow has fallen generally west of the Cascades.

In the Canadian Northwest, high barometer areas are centered in Manitoba and the weather is fair with higher temperatures. At Dawson the weather continues intensely cold.

TEMPERATURE.

Min. Max.

Victoria 37 44

New Westminster 30 38

Kamloops 10 36

Barkerville 2 29

Dawson 36 10

Calgary 6 20

Winnipeg 14 10

Portland, Ore. 38 42

San Francisco 62 60

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacifc time) Friday.

Victoria and vicinity. Light to moderate eastward to southerly winds, chiefly clear with occasional rain or sleet and not much change in temperature.

Lower Mainland: Light to moderate winds, cloudy with occasional sleet or rain and not much change in temperature.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3.

Deg. Deg.

5 a.m. 40

42 Highest. 44

5 p.m. 43 Lowest. 37

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m. 8 miles northeast.

Noon. 8 miles northeast.

5 p.m. 12 miles east.

State of weather—Cloudy.

Rain and melted snow—Trace.

Barometer at noon—Observed. 29.775

Corrected. 29.815

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Barometer at 5 p.m.—Corrected. 29.82

VICTORIA DAILY COLONIST. FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 1904.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Alexander Roland Milne, Deceased.

Pursuant to the Trustees and Executrix' Act, notice is hereby given that all creditors and holders of negotiable instruments of the late Alexander Roland Milne, C. M. G., who died at Victoria, B. C., on the 17th day of January, 1904, and letters of administration of whose estate were duly issued to Annie Milne of Victoria aforesaid, the widow of the said deceased, cut off the Victoria Registry of the Superior Court of British Columbia on the 5th day of February, 1904, are hereby required to send particulars in writing of their claims to the undersigned, the solicitors for the said Annie Milne, on or before the 13th day of March, 1904, after which date the said Annie Milne will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Alexander Roland Milne amongst the parties entitled thereto according to the terms of her will, which said Annie Milne has had no notice, and she will not be liable for the assets or any part thereof so distributed to any person whom she claim the said Annie Milne has not had notice at the time of distribution. At Victoria, B. C., this 12th day of February, 1904.

POOLEY, LUXTON & POOLEY,
21 Bastion street, Victoria, B. C. Solleitors for the said Annie Milne.

THE VICTORIA WHARF & WAREHOUSE CO. LTD.

Six Per Cent Debentures.

Notice is hereby given that in conformity with the conditions upon which the above-named debentures were issued, a drawing on the debentures to be paid off at par on the 1st of March next will be made on the 1st day of March, 1904, in the office of the Trustee, 11 Yates street, Victoria, B. C., on Saturday, the 27th day of February, 1904.

J. H. LAWSON,
Secretary.
Wharf Street, Victoria, Jan. 23, 1904.

Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners at their next sitting as a Licensing Court, for a transfer of my license for the sale of wines and liquors by retail, upon the premises situate on the north side of Jefferman street in the City of Victoria, and known as the International hotel, to Richard McGoldrick.

Dated this 1st day of February, 1904.

GEO. B. HOWARD,
By his Attorney in Fact.
C. A. HOLLAND.

NOTICE.

Sad News.—Mr. Andrew Bechtel, of the Victoria Machinery Depot, received in the morning of yesterday afternoon the sudden death of his father at Butte, Montana. The latter had on numerous occasions visited Victoria, and had many friends here who will regret to learn of his demise. Mr. Bechtel left en route to Butte on the Princess Beatrice last evening.

Patients in Asylum.—At the end of February the number of patients in the hospital for the insane at Westminster was 277 males and 81 females. Thirty-eight were treated during the month of January, and 286 were males and 92 females. Nine males and females were on probation, two died, seven were discharged on probation.

Sad Plight of Child.—In response to a letter from the government agent, Mr. C. J. South, secretary of the Children's Aid Society, went over to Northfield with a girl of 15 in his charge. The particular of the case showed that the girl's father was the cause of the trouble.

After hearing the evidence, which was somewhat interesting, the judge made the usual order, placing the girl in the care of the Children's Aid Society, and decided that the father should pay \$2 per week towards the maintenance of the whole of the child.

Sad News.—Mr. Frank Richards, of Vancouver, who takes a great interest

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That Pribyloff Islands Story

Victoria Sealers Are Not Worrying Themselves About the Matter.

If Congressman Robinson's Bill Carries It Will Help Canadians.

Captain Cox, of the E. B. Marvin Company, was asked yesterday what he thought of the despatch which had come over the Associated Press wires to the effect that Congressman Robinson of Indiana had given notice of a bill to prohibit the killing of seals on the Pribyloff islands.

Captain Cox said that he knew Congressman Robinson very well, that he was a Democrat and a man from Indianapolis. That such a bill would never pass Congress. Captain Cox was very much doubted. It would, if it became law, unquestionably destroy the business of the American company, which now enjoyed a monopoly of the seal killing on the Pribyloff islands. He could hardly believe that the United States government would under any conditions sanction such a measure. Should it become law, however, it would, of course, work to the benefit of the Canadian sealers by sending up the prices in London. The Victoria sealers, so far as he was aware, were not at all concerned as regards the fate of the measure, but there would be serious demonstrations of regret should the proposed bill actually become the law of the United States. Prohibition of the killing on the Pribyloffs would probably lead to more American schooners engaging in the pelagic sealing, but none of the Canadian sealers feared fair and open competition. There is plenty of elbow room on the ocean, and if any other people wanted to try their luck at the sealing it was nobody's business.

Mr. Langley, secretary of the Victoria Sealing Company, was also interviewed regarding the proposed measure to stop seal killing on the islands, and said that, so far as he knew, it would not interest Victoria sealers much. The Canadian schooners carried on their operations sixty miles off the Pribyloff islands, so the proposal to shut down on seal killing on the group was not of much moment. It was true that the cessation of sealing on the Pribyloffs would increase the London prices. He doubted whether such a measure as that proposed by Congressman Robinson would meet with acceptance. He had been somewhat surprised to note the despatch, but had paid much attention to it because the improbability of such a bill carrying seemed rather remote.

Other representative sealing men concurred in the views expressed by Capt. Cox and Mr. Langley. The message from Washington has caused no worry amongst the sealing men in Victoria.

GARONNE FOR NAME.

Big Steamship Again to Enter the Far Northern Business.

The steamship Garonne, owned by Frank Waterhouse & Co., will engage in the Nome trade this summer. The arrangement was made yesterday by Mr. Waterhouse, who, in view of the apparent shortage in Nome tonnage, believes the run will prove profitable, says Thursday's P.L.

GENERAL TREATMENT.

Owners of Unfortunate Steamer Queen Set a Fine Example.

Without solicitation or the presentation of a claim on her part, the Pacific Coast Steamship Company on Wednesday presented Mrs. Katherine J. Sumner of Boston, wife of Captain John L. Sumner, to the steamer Queen for a fare of \$50. Mrs. Sumner is one of the women who spent four hours in the Queen's lifeboats Saturday morning, while the crew and mate

were saved.

MARINE NOTES.

Bringing a cargo from the old world, the Kossins Line steamship Annals will reach Victoria in about a week. Included in the cargo on the ship will be 600 tons of nitrate for the Victoria Chemical Works.

United States Marine Inspector Whiteman and Turner began their investigation of the fire aboard the steamship Queen yesterday morning. The licensed officers of the vessel will be called upon to give testimony.

The work of investigating the damaged cargo on the steamship Queen is in progress.

Agent Tatbot says that no estimate

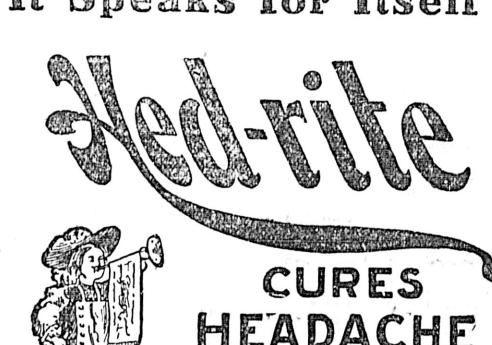
of the damage can be made for at least a week. As soon as the surveyors complete their work on the vessel bids will be opened for repairs.

The fleet operated by the company between the two seaboard numbers seven vessels, the Nebraskan, Californian, Arizona, Oregonian, American and Hawaiian. The Nebraskan and Nevada are sister ships and are oil burners.

The Garonne was formerly in that traffic. She is one of the largest passenger carriers ever on the run, having accommodations for 700 passengers, 550 first and second cabin and 150 steerage, and large cargo capacity. She has undergone marine inspection and was found seaworthy in every respect.

The Garonne, which is at Quarter-master harbor, has recently had a new hurricane deck put on, been thoroughly overhauled and refurnished. Some time this month she goes into the Esquimalt drydock to have her hull scraped. The company announces that she will sail for some June 5th.

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The Herald Remedy Co., Montreal.

Suggested Aids To Navigation

Interesting Report Presented by a Special Committee of Board of Trade.

Favor a Light on Trial Island Together With a Signalling Station.

The sole item of business dealt with at a meeting of the council or the Board of Trade held yesterday morning was the report received from a special committee appointed to look into the question of additional aids to navigation. It was adopted, and copies will be forwarded to the department of marine and fisheries and to the local representatives in the federal house. The report is as follows:

Gentlemen—Your special committee on sea-to-sea-life and property, port of Victoria, has reported:

That, in consequence of the suggestion that a light and fog alarm should be established on Trial Island, we instructed your secretary to obtain the views of pilots and captains conversant with the situation. Appended hereto is a copy of the secretary's letter and all the replies received, which you will observe are all strongly favorable to the proposition. Besides the reasons given in these replies, attention is directed to causatives which have occurred on Trial Island. Only a few years since the Yale Vessel, with a cargo, was wrecked there and nearly all on board lost their lives. More recently the steamer Edna Grace, and again, only a few weeks ago, the steamer Tees was ashore on Trial Island. This record, together with the testimony of many navigators, is considered strong enough to base an application for the light and fog alarm on Trial Island now recommended. Your committee would further recommend that a signal station be established there and connected with it, success, and we hope that for general lines of manufacture this should prove a very reliable advertisement."

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Cowan Co., Toronto: "We are firm believers in Canada, in its people, in its actual resources, in its manufacturers and we feel confident that she will not be satisfied to take a second place in any department. As a matter of fact many articles manufactured in Canada will bear comparison with the best made anywhere, but Canadians should not rest content with anything less than the best in anything."

Charles Stanhope: "In reply to your very interesting circular, it affords us much pleasure to say that we will gladly make a contribution to your laudable object."

Ralph Smith & Co.: "We beg to say that we fully appreciate the object of such a fair."

G. W. Gillett: "We have done a great deal of advertising in Victoria during the past year, introducing one or two of the lines we manufacture and we were struck with the fact of the large amount of English and American goods that were used by consumers in Victoria."

Ingraham Packing Co.: "We think your object is very commendable. This winter had the pleasure of seeing a 'Made in Canada' fair at Hamilton, which was a great success. The style and get up of the booths, the display of the goods and the enthusiastic interest of those responsible for the success of the fair were very noticeable. We feel that you will have, and deserve to have, a prompt response from all manufacturers."

William Tufts & Son, Vancouver: "We take this opportunity of replying to your circular and may add that we esteem it a great privilege as well as a pleasure to donate samples of our manufactured goods and will forward same at a later date?"

Henson Woolen Mills, Amherst: "On the island of Vancouver we were privileged by the government, who were giving a year to convey the wool to Victoria, first of all to the Crofton Copper Smelting Co., and then to the Nantmo coal mines, so that we might have some clear idea of the way copper and coal were worked. We found that the Crofton copper smelting was up to date in every way, that five-sevenths of the ore was pure copper, and in smelting 99 per cent. of copper was in the bars and one per cent. of pure gold. The copper bars have to be sent to New York to be refined. One next stopping place was Nantmo. Here we found large coal fields, and under each the coal was thin. We descended the shaft 630 feet deep and noted that the haulage was by electric motors and endless ropes. This was necessary owing to the fact of the coal lying from two and a half to four miles away. There are two shafts to the lines and they raise about 1,000 tons a day of a thick bituminous coal. Provision is made on the pit's mouth for washing and screening the coal. Ships are loaded direct from the wharf, provision being made to load 6,000 tons a day. It is considered the best coal on the Pacific coast. Nantmo goes to San Francisco, and it competes with the high price of coal for houses, etc. Miners get from \$3 to \$3.50 a day; the work eight hours, according to the labor laws of Canada. No Chinese work underground, all white labor. They possess good houses and gardens and seem well contented. A colliery carried on many years by a Canadian company has recently passed into the hands of Americans; and the same remarks applies to the Crofton Copper Smelting Company. We were assured by the government mines department that there are still more valuable deposits of coal to be found in the northern part of the Island of Vancouver, and would like to bring to your notice the beauty of the scenery around Nantmo. Wooded bays and lovely islands, and just a touch of far-off times in the old Hudson's Bay fort, which stands close to the pier—a wooden structure that would scarce stand the sound of a modern gun."

TO FORM MUNICIPALITY.

On Wednesday evening at Cedar Hill Temperance Hall there was a well-attended meeting under the auspices of the Farmers' Institute to discuss the advisability of forming the electoral district of South Saanich into a municipality. A special committee appointed at the meeting held last month reported. The report was received and the committee discharged. The subject was then fully discussed and the following resolution was then put and carried:

"Resolved that, in the opinion of this meeting, it is desirable to form a municipality of the electoral district of South Saanich;

"And be it further resolved, that the Farmers' Institute be requested to hold similar meetings at the various places throughout the district."

Mr. Geo. Dean occupied the chair and the proceedings were unanimous in the matter. It was decided to hold meetings in the districts as follows: Colquitt Hall, on the 9th; Snugbottom, on the 10th; and Boleskine road, on the 23rd.

The electors are requested to attend the meeting called for their particular portion of the district.

FOR SALE!

Twenty-four acres of good land, beautifully situated on the waterfront near Gordon Head. The property is on a bay with a pleasant gently sloping sandy beach. It is well served by good roads, has an excellent spring of water, magnificent view and all things that go to make a desirable residential site.

APPLY TO
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MADE IN CANADA FAIR.

Fair Workers of the City Receive Encouraging Responses from the East.

The Colonist has received the following from Mrs. Edward Hassell, convenor of the advertising committee of the Made in Canada Fair:

Further encouragement has been received by the committee interested in promoting the Made in Canada fair. Letters have been received as follows:

From W. T. Stein, Vancouver, local secretary Canadian Manufacturers' Association: "I would take this opportunity of wishing you success in promoting the fair. From the Methodist book house, Toronto, I need not say that I am in sympathy with the enterprise and it success, and we hope that for general lines of manufacture this should prove a very reliable advertisement."

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